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In response to a "Communication" from Mr. Kreisler filed 4-4-00, a telephone call was made to Mr. William H. Epstein. Mr. Epstein indicated that the initialed copy of IDS filed on 1-20-2000 was not received. Hence, examiner Truong has faxed to Mr. Epstein the initialed copy of said IDS immediately followed her conversation with Mr. Epstein.

Regarding the US application corresponding to WO 99/61444 (Dobrusin et. al.), no interference can be declared presently as the overlapping subject matter has not been elected by Dobrusin et. al. at this time. However, when a divisional of said application is filed, then an interference might be provoked and/or declared if the subject matter is overlapping with the instant application.

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